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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 15 November 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-32.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


JOHN PEZZLO
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-32 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicants have claimed uniquely distinct features in the instant invention, which are not found in the prior art, either singularly or in combination. Each independent claim identifies the following uniquely distinct features;

1. Regarding claim 1 – A method for maintaining an Internet Protocol (P) session for an access terminal at a first radio network, the method comprising: establishing the IP session for the access terminal with a network element via the first radio network, receiving a request to maintain the IP session if the access terminal is not tuned to the first radio network, receiving a forwarding address for the access terminal via the first radio network receiving an indication that the access terminal is not tuned to the first radio network, receiving a first packet for the access terminal via the first radio network, sending a second packet in response to reception of the first packet, wherein the second packet is addressed to the access terminal using the forwarding address, establishing a connection with the access terminal via the first radio network, and sending the first packet to the access terminal via the first radio network.

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2. Regarding claim 13 – A method for maintaining an Internet Protocol (IP) session for an access terminal at a first radio network, the method comprising: establishing the IP session for the access terminal with a network element via the first radio network, wherein the access terminal is assigned a first address for the IP session, receiving a request to maintain the IP session if the access terminal is not tuned to the first radio network via the first radio network, receiving a forwarding address for the access terminal via the first radio network, receiving an indication that the access terminal is not tuned to the first radio network, receiving a first packet from the network element and addressed to the access terminal using the first address, sending a second packet to the network element in response to reception of the first packet, wherein the second packet is addressed to the access terminal using the forwarding address and indicates that the first radio network has data for the access terminal, establishing a connection with the access terminal via the first radio network, and sending the first packet to the access terminal via the first radio network.

3. Regarding claim 14 – A method for maintaining an Internet Protocol (IP) session for an access terminal at a first radio network, the method comprising: establishing the IP session with a network element via the first radio network, establishing a second session with a second radio network, sending to the first radio network a request to maintain the IP session if not tuned to the first radio network, sending a forwarding address to the first radio network, receiving a communication from the second radio network, establishing a connection with the first radio network in response to the received communication, and receiving a packet from the first radio network.

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4. Regarding claim 29 – A method for maintaining an Internet Protocol (IP) session for an access terminal at a first radio network, the method comprising: establishing the IP session with a network element via the first radio network, receiving an assignment of a first address for the IP session, establishing a second session with a second radio network, receiving an assignment of a second address for the second session, maintaining a protocol stack for the IP and second sessions, wherein the protocol stack includes the first and second addresses to be used for the IP and second sessions established via the first and second radio networks, respectively, sending to the first radio network a request to maintain the IP session if not tuned to the first radio network, sending the second address as a forwarding address to the first radio network, receiving a page from the second radio network, establishing a connection with the first radio network in response to the received page, and receiving a packet from the first radio network.

5. Regarding claim 30 – An access terminal comprising: a transmit unit operative to receive and code data and messages, modulate the coded data, and convert the modulated data into a first modulated signal suitable for transmission over a transmission medium, a receiver unit operative to receive a second modulated signal, demodulate the received signal to provide demodulated data, and decode the demodulated data to recover transmitted data and messages, and a controller coupled to the transmitter and receiver units and operative to direct establishment of an IP session with a network element via a first radio network establishment of a second session with a second radio network, transmission to the first radio network a request to maintain the IP session while not tuned to the first radio network, transmission of a forwarding address to the first radio network, reception of a communication from the second radio network, establishment of a

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connection with the first radio network in response to the received communication from the second radio network, and reception of a packet from the first radio network.

6. Regarding claim 32 - An access point in a first radio network comprising: a transmitter unit operative to receive and code data and messages, modulate the coded data, and convert the modulated data into a first modulated signal suitable for transmission over a transmission medium, a receiver unit operative to receive a second modulated signal, demodulate the received signal to generate demodulated data, and decode the demodulated data to recover transmitted data and messages, a processor coupled to the transmitter and receiver units and configured to direct establishment of an IP session for an access terminal with a network element, reception of a request to maintain the IP session if the access terminal is not tuned to the first radio network, reception of a forwarding address for the access terminal via the first radio network, reception of an indication that the access terminal is not tuned to the first radio network, reception of a first packet for the access terminal via the first radio network, transmission of a second packet in response to reception of the first packet wherein the second packet is addressed to the access terminal using the forwarding address and indicates that the first radio network has data for the access terminal, establishment of a connection with the access terminal via the first radio network, and transmission of the first packet to the access terminal via the first radio network.

The closest prior art, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above limitations obvious.

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Conclusion

Claims 1-32 being allowable, **Prosecution On The Merits Is Closed** in this application.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

1. Dowling (US 2005/0198199 A1) discloses a federated multiprotocol communication.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Pezzlo whose telephone number is (571) 272-3090. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hassan Kizou, can be reached on (571) 272-3088. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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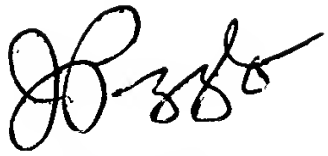
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